

More than a Test: Introducing the 2014 GED® Program

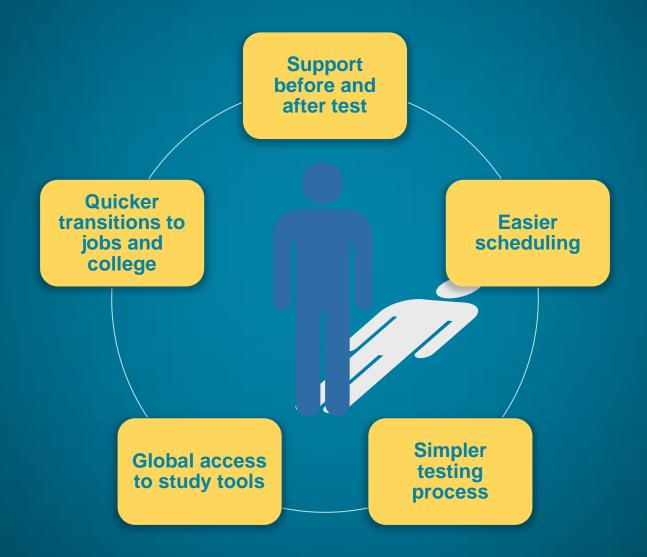
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Today's Objectives

- 2014 GED® program
- Relate the 2014 GED® program to your work
- Answer your questions



It's about the test-taker; not the test





The Program

Prepare

Nationally accessible preparation programs

Perform

Next generation exam

Progress

Support for posttest transitions

- MyGED™ portal
- Publisher alignment
- GED Ready[™] with enhanced score report
- GED Marketplace™
- GED Analytics™
- Educator portal*
- * Future feature

- 2014 GED[®] test
 - Aligned with CCR for Adult Education
 - Score report aligned with publisher products
 - Same-day scoring
 - MyGED™ portal
 - GED Analytics™
- Educator portal*

- Enhanced score report
- GED Analytics™
- Credentialing with Smart Transcript
- MyGED™ portal
- Career Pathways*
- Educator portal*



2014 GED® Program

\$80

2014 GED[®] test (\$20 per subject)

\$40

Test center compensation per subject (\$10 per subject)

Included

MyGED™ online portal

Included

· Same-day scoring

Included

Enhanced Score Report and study recommendations

Included

Accommodated testing

Included

• Full standards-alignment for career and college readiness

+/- \$4

GED Ready™: The Official Practice Test (\$4 per subject)

Free

GED Credentialing™ (Optional)

Included

GED Manager™

Included

GED Analytics™



Nationwide Update

- ~2,000 testing centers offering GED[®] test
- 356,000+ accounts on GED.com; 173,000 tests taken



"The student portal was so easy and helpful that I completed much sooner than I had ever thought." Tommy Oklahoma, 2014 graduate GED.com



GED® Testing Statistics in AZ

- 41 Testing centers delivering the 2014 GED® Test
- 20-25 Testing centers in application process
- 6,408 GED® test modules delivered
- 2,664 GED Ready[™] tests delivered
- 539 Graduates



Arizona GED® Policies

• Age:

 Minimum age to test without an exception 18; 16 & 17 year olds allowed to test with approved documentation

Residency:

 Required; Must provide a primary and secondary form of identification at the test center

Instruction/Official Practice Test:

Not required

Re-test wait period:

 None; GED Testing Service requires 60-day wait period after student has tested on all available forms

Languages:

English and Spanish allowed; many <u>not</u> combine scores across languages



2014 GED® Policies (cont.)

- Testing center compensation:
 - \$5 per hour (about \$10 per subject)
- State fee:
 - \$5 state fee
- Discounted retake fee:
 - GEDTS fee is waived for 2 attempts per paid module for <u>all test-takers</u>

- Test-taker cost per part:
 - \$20 GEDTS
 - \$10 testing center
 - \$5 state fee
 - \$35 per subject
 - (4 parts)
 - \$140 total
 - \$15 retake fee per subject

The 2014 Program & How It Works for You



Your realities...your challenges

Scenario 1 – Gauging readiness

Scenario 2 – Advising learners

Scenario 3 – Transitions

Scenario 4 – Improving outcomes



Scenario 1 – Gauging readiness

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- How can you reliably and consistently determine when learners are ready?
- If they aren't, what do they need to be ready?
- What resources can <u>you</u> count on to create learner success?



The "Tools"

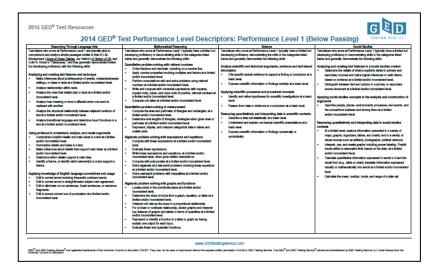
- Performance Level Descriptors
- GED Ready™
- Enhanced score reporting
- GED Analytics™



Performance Level Descriptors

2014 GED® test Performance Level Description Chart

- Provides descriptors in chart format
- Provides descriptors for each performance
 - level for each module
 - Below Passing
 - Passing
 - Passing with Honors





Attributes of GED Ready™

Reporting

- Focus is on readiness to PASS GED® test (HS Equiv.)
- Provides red-yellow-green indication of "Pass" likelihood
- Feedback and links to study suggestions
- Instructional Feedback
 - Extended response items (RLA and SS) and short answer items (Science) scored by adult educators
 - Online scoring tools for educators and test-takers provide writing scores, feedback, and suggestions for improvement



Three score level indicators on GED Ready™

Not Likely to	Too Close to	Likely to
Pass	Call	Pass
100 to 142	143-157	158 and above



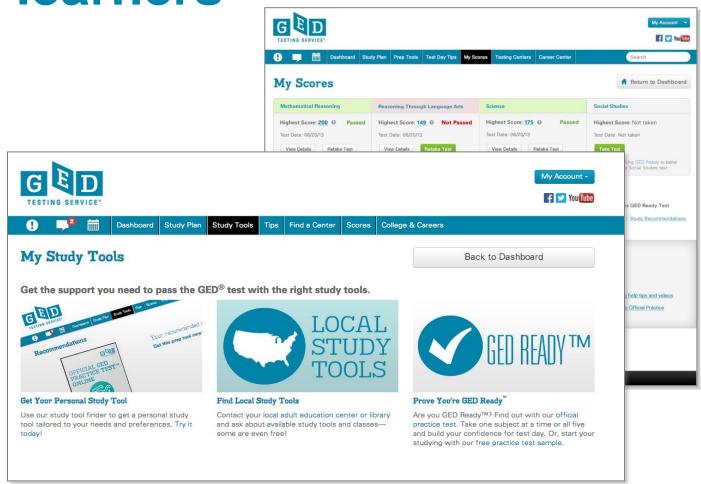
Score Reporting

Provides detailed feedback and a focused study plan to maximize preparation effectiveness

- Score report for GED Ready[™] indicates preparedness for the GED[®] test
- Highlights areas of demonstrated strength and provides personalized feedback where improvement is needed
- Customized study plan tied to publisher materials



Improving outcomes for adult learners



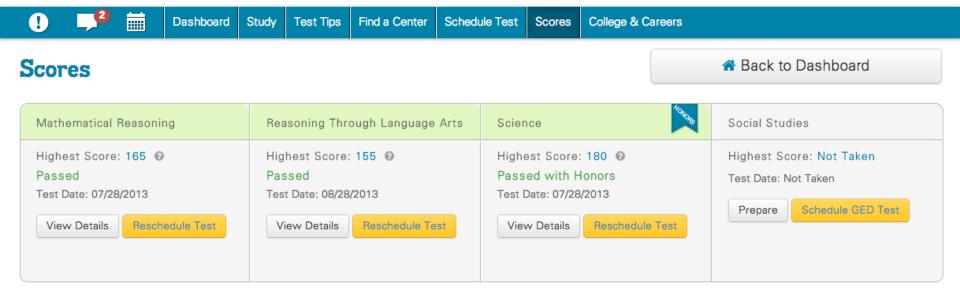




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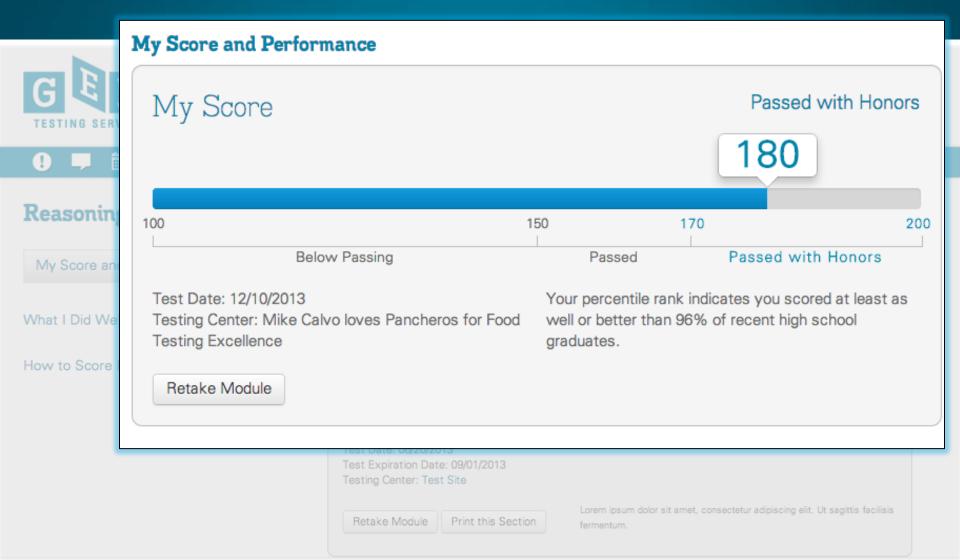




Testing Center: Test Site

Retake Module

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GED[®] Test - Reasoning Through Language Arts

My Score and Performance

What I Did Well On

How I Can Score Higher

Get Study Recommendations



GED Academy™

by Essential Education GED Academy™ is an adaptive program designed to prepare learners for success. The associated workbooks provide additional resources for support.

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Mv Score 180

Passed with Honors

Based on the test questions you missed, below are the skills you need to work on.

Ways of Expressing Meaning

Skill You Can Improve

 Infer the relationship between the details and main idea given

Publisher Study Recommendations @

Essential Reading Skills Workbook Making Inferences, pp. 71-78 Understanding an Argument pp 181-190 What Are the Important Concepts pp 155-162 What Are the Details? pp 163-172 Understanding Theme and Author's Purpose pp 219-

Finding Support for a Theme pp 227-236 The Importance of Word Choice pp 255-262 Inferences and Story Elements, pp. 307-316

Note-Taking and Summarizing, pp. 31-40



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Scenario 2 – Advising learners

- How can you advise learners who fail a content area test?
- What support do you need to prepare them to retest?
- What information do you and your learners need to prepare to re-test?



The "Tools"

- Performance Level Descriptors
- Enhanced score reporting
 - GED Ready™
 - Content area feedback
- Ensuring student follow through







GED Ready Test Results

Math GED Ready Test

Status: Likely to pass

View Results | Study Recommendations

Frequently asked questions:

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Language Arts Test

Retake Module

What I Did Well On

You're almost there. Your Needs Improvement score means that you are typically able to understand and analyze simple passages like L.M. Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables, Joy Hakim's A History of US, and Colin A. Ronan's "Telescopes."

You also are generally able to show limited or inconsistent abilities with the skills listed below:

- Figure out what words and phrases mean using clues from the context of a passage
- > Figure out an author's point of view or purpose but in a limited or inconsistent way
- Understand specific details and main ideas in a passage but in a limited or inconsistent way
- Summarize the details and ideas in a written source but in a limited or inconsistent way
- Figure out which details support the main idea but in a limited or inconsistent way
- Correct errors with frequently confused words

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- Correct errors in simple subject-verb agreement situations
- Make sure transitional words and phrases are used effectively to make your point clearly
- > Make sure the correct words are capitalized

Find out how to score higher >

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My Score and Performance

Return to Scores Page

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You're almost there. The 'Needs Improvement' level means you came up a little short of the passing score. Don't worry though. Review your study recommendations and schedule a little more study time. You can do it!

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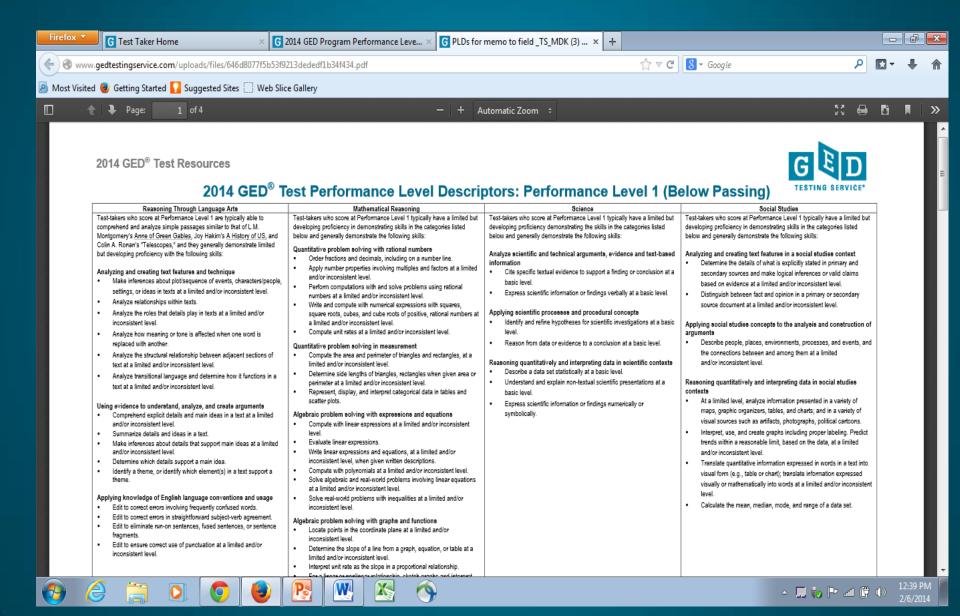
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ED Ready™: The Official Practice



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Performance Level Indicators



Scenario 3 - Transitions

- What about capable learners who haven't thought beyond passing the test? How can you talk to them about careers and college when they ask?
- What about those who score in the top percentiles (and weren't expecting to)?
- What tools do you need to make those critical conversations successful—even though you may have transition specialists on staff?



The "Tool"

MyGED Portal: College & Careers





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Training

Not all jobs require a college degree. Learn more about the highest paying jobs for high school credential holders and get connected to the training you need.

- > 40 highest paying jobs without a bachelor's degree
- Make a plan
- Certifications
- > Apprenticeships



College Search

Is college the next step for you? Feel confident with information about how to choose and apply to a college. Need help paying for it? Use the resources below to learn about financing your future.

- > Find a college
- Apply to college
- > Pay for college

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Careers & Salaries

Start your career now. Assess your skills, pick a career path, and get help applying for a job.

- > Skills assessment
- > Job and salary information
- Job listings
- > Résumé, cover letter, and interview help
- Learn about LinkedIn

Scenario 4 – Improving Outcomes

- How are students performing?
- Where are the gaps?
- Do you need current, accurate information to make decisions about programming?



GED Analytics[™]

Unprecedented data access to make smart choices based on real-time information

- Filter and analyze data from hundreds of variables
- Flexibility to choose what you want to see and how you want to see it
- See how your students are doing. Create new programs to engage students and improve outcomes



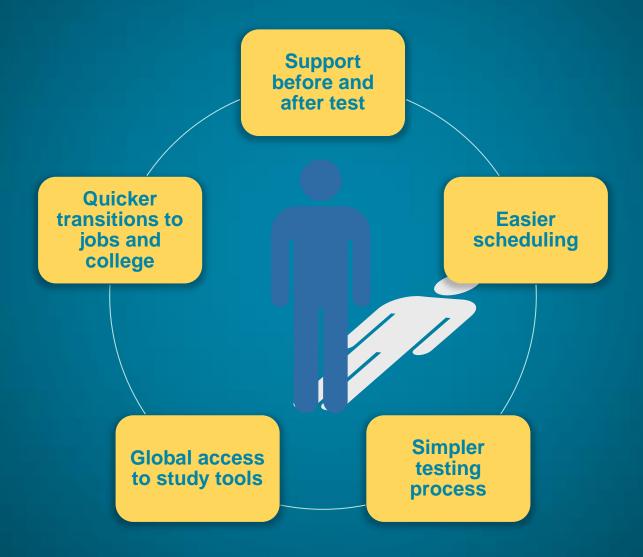
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- GED Analytics™
 - Real time results





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QUESTIONS?



Thank you!

